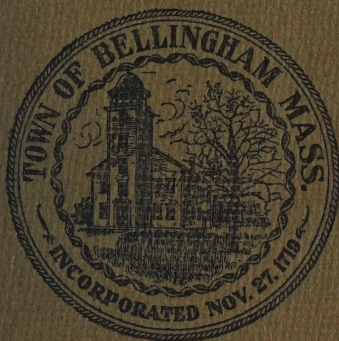


One Hundred and Eighty-fourth

Annual Report

...of the...

Town Officers



Town of Bellingham

Massachusetts

for the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1903

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1903.



WOONSOCKET, R. I.:
CHARLES E. COOK, PRINTER.

1903.

Town Officers for the Year 1902.

TOWN CLERK,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER,

L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SELECTMEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS.

ASSESSORS,

ORVILLE C. RHODES, JUDSON E. CAMP,
CARROLL E. WHITE.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

HENRY W. PICKERING.....Term expires March 1, 1903
OTTO L. BULLARD.....Term expires March 1, 1904
FRED A. SHERBURNE.....Term expires March 1, 1905

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,

JUDSON E. CAMP.....Term expires March 1, 1903
L. FRANCIS THAYER.....Term expires March 1, 1904
FRED M. RHODES.....Term expires March 1, 1905

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JAMES O. RICHARDSON.....Term expires March 1, 1903
HORACE A. BROWN.....Term expires March 1, 1904
CLARENCE A. CROOKS.....Term expires March 1, 1905

AUDITOR,

GEORGE E. ALDRICH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

CLARENCE A. CROOKS.

FENCE VIEWERS,

JUDSON E. CAMP, FRED M. RHODES,
L. FRANCIS THAYER.

CONSTABLES,

GILBERT H. DRAKE, EDWIN M. BENNETT,
CHARLES E. MARBLE, FRED M. RHODES.

TREE WARDEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE,

OTTO L. BULLARD.....Term expires March 1, 1903
V. B. ROCKWOOD.....Term expires March 1, 1904
ORVILLE C. RHODES.....Term expires March 1, 1905

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

WESLEY E. HOWES.....Term expires March 1, 1903
MRS. MARY W. METCALF....Term expires March 1, 1903
MRS. ALICE A. BURR.....Term expires March 1, 1904
SARAH T. ROCKWOOD.....Term expires March 1, 1904
MRS. OLIVE COOK.....Term expires March 1, 1905
HENRY A. WHITNEY.....Term expires March 1, 1905

Appointments for the Year 1902.

FIELD DRIVERS,

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, EDWIN F. PICKERING,
JOHN H. WEBBER.

POUND KEEPER,

JOHN H. WEBBER.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS,

JUDSON E. CAMP, FRANCIS H. DAWLEY,

L. FRANCIS THAYER, EDWIN MIGNEAULT,
WILLIAM C. WHITE.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

CHARLES F. CROOKS, JUDSON E. CAMP,
ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
ELBRIDGE GRANT.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

LUMAN R. CAMP, EDWARD E. ROCKWOOD,
JUDSON E. CAMP.

AUCTIONEER,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS,

CARROLL E. WHITE.

SEXTONS,

V. B. ROCKWOOD, S. FRED METCALF,
ORVILLE C. RHODES, HENRY W. PICKERING.

BURIAL AGENT,

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

POLICE,

LUMAN R. CAMP, HIRAM E. CROOKS,
WILLIE LESVAQUE, ELWIN M. TAFT.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

SILAS H. WILLIAMS.

List of Jurors

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM TO BE ACTED
UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 3, 1903.

Charles J. Nugent.....	Salesman
Fred M. Rhodes.....	Motorman
Geo. H. Thayer.....	Hatter
L. Francis Thayer.....	Grocer
Geo. E. Tingley.....	Lumber dealer
Joseph M. Wentworth.....	Carpenter
S. Fred Metcalf.....	Janitor
Geo. C. McMasters.....	Carpenter
William C. Pond.....	Teamster
Henry A. Whitney.....	Insurance
Fred A. Sherborn	Farmer
Clarence A. Crooks.....	Farmer
Alonzo N. Whitney.....	Laborer
Proctor P. Cook.....	Lumber dealer
Edwin M. Bennett.....	Teamster
George P. Wright.....	Machinist

HENRY A. WHITNEY,	} Selectmen of Bellingham.
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,	

Town Clerk's Report.

JURORS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR 1902.

February, supreme judicial, Edward B. Metcalf.

Grand juror, Albert A. Hancock.

April, criminal term, Lloyd S. Thayer.

May, civil term, Alfred W. Cara.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN, YEAR 1902.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Feb.	Edward Harnais,	No. Bellingham,	Rev. Robert E. Bisbee,
15,	Mary Savoy,	" "	at Milford.
Mar.	Edwin S. Alger,	Bellingham,	Rev. J. M. Rockwood,
12,	Alma I. Kay,	Milford,	at Bellingham.
Mar.	Joel J. Clark,	No. Bellingham,	Rev. Isarah W. Sneath,
25,	Julia E. Knight,	" "	at Franklin.
Apr.	John N. Rhodes,	So. Bellingham,	Rev. N. S. Hoagland,
3,	Jennie Hogarth,	Milford,	at Mendon.
Apr.	Timothy C. Foley,	No. Bellingham,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
8,	Hannah Deenihan,	" "	at Medway.
Apr.	Milford Stark,	No. Bellingham,	Rev. Geo. R. Hewitt,
19,	Bessie Johnson,	" "	at West Medway.
May,	John Edward Burke,	No. Medway,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
25,	Grace May St. George,	No. Bellingham,	at Medway.
May	Levi Bienway,	Milford,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
26,	Albertina Gendron,	Caryville,	at No. Bellingham,
June	Hubert Arsenault,	Milford,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
2,	Lena Dandurand,	Caryville,	at Medway.
June	Elmer E. Ware,	Norfolk,	Rev. F. C. Jones,
5,	H. Edna Adams,	No. Bellingham,	at Norfolk.
July	Nelson Plean,	Caryville,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
21,	Sofrina Snay,	"	at Medway.
July	Ernest Richards,	Caryville,	Rev. F. A. Warfield,
23,	Mabel Morse,	West Medway,	at Milford.
Sept.	Wm. W. Ollendorff,	West Medway,	Rev. Geo. R. Hewitt,
17,	Alice M. Bullard,	Caryville,	at Caryville.
Oct.	Forester E. Whipple,	No. Attleboro,	Rev. Geo. R. Hewitt,
23,	Alice Gertrude Evans,	Caryville.	at Caryville.

Nov.	John F. Kiernan, jr.,	Caryville,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
26,	Felicide S. St. Martin,	"	at Medway.
Dec.	John J. Byron,	Franklin,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
25.	Sarah C. Snay,	Caryville,	at Medway.
Dec.	Albert H. Nourse,	West Medway,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
29,	Agnes J. Macy,	No. Bellingham,	at Medway.

BIRTHS REPORTED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1902.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.		
8,	Harriet Amelia Wales,	William F. and Grace L. (Pickering).
Feb.		
12,	Olstra J. Bernier,	Victor and Margret J. (Kindelan),
14,	Helen Fitzpatrick,	William J. and Mary (Gaffney).
Mar.		
22,	Edwina F. Simmons,	Edwin and Flora E. (Crooks).
30,	Maria Aurora Paul,	Peter J. and Melvina (Snay)
Apr.		
20,	Helen May Smith,	John and Ellen (Cavanaugh).
24,	Joseph Fitzpatrick,	Maurice, jr. and Esther (Shay).
May		
13,	Walter Eugene Sawyer,	Frank L. and Nora (Shauldin).
17,	James Francis Kane,	James J. and Annie J. (Dunn).
June		
14,	Edith May Johnson,	Justin L. and Alice F. (Hopkins).
17,	Edward Omer Belais,	Henry and Delia (Marshall).
22,	Arthur Martin Phillips,	Frank D. and Jennie M. (Heard).
July		
1,	Carl Winsor Smith,	Charles E. and Helen F. (Clafin).
2,	Florence May McCarty,	Thomas and Mary (Murray).
7,	Harriet Alice Whitney,	Emory B. and Cordelia A. (Johnson).
16,	——— Ladidu,	Peter E. and Rosanna (Pigeon).
29,	Ida Baker,	Walter and Carrie (Sanborn).
Aug.		
2,	Richard Hyland,	Michael F. and Alice M. (Paul).
19,	——— Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora (Warfield).
23,	Eva Duba,	Alex and Mary (Myner).
Sept.		
2,	Alice Gertrude Kelliher,	William and Catherine (Noctrine).
27,	Myrtle Pearl Ball,	Alvin T. and Mary E. (Gould).
27,	Ruby Metric Ball,	
Oct.		
24,	Marie Onge Loneannette Le Rocque,	James and Cordelia (Bombardien),
27,	Gladys Irene Duffy,	Geo. E. and Grace (Whipple).

Nov.

1, Harold St. George Burk,	John E. and Grace (St. George).
1, Annie Edwards,	William A. and Nora T. (Ryan).
2, Oralie White,	Martin and Mary (White).
2, Alice J. Bartlett,	Emerson P. and Hattie M. (Cook).

Jan. 1900

27, Margaret L. Fitzpatrick,	John G. and Mary (Francis).
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Jan 1901

26, James M. Fitzpatrick,	Maurice, jr. and Esther (Shay).
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DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1902.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan.		Y.	M.	D.	
4,	Estella M. Thayer,	45	3	20	Consumption.
6,	Joseph Miett, jr.,	67	5	4	Heart trouble.
Feb.					
7,	William Allen,	62	4	22	Apoplexy.
9,	John Henry Connors,	16	1	0	Valvular disease of heart.
15,	William H. Clark,	51	7	1	Railway accident.
27,	Jane Hill,	58	6	3	Insanity.
Mar.					
21,	Michael T. Ryan,	67	9	0	Chronic bronchitis.
Apr.					
10,	Horace R. Bates,	67	5	24	Apoplexy.
29,	Lucinda Keach,	76	4	0	Tumor in the throat.
June					
7,	Julia A. Rockwood,	76	1	27	Paraplegia.
23,	Isabella Martin,	45	0	0	General tuberculosis.
July					
24,	Mary Ann Ryan,	46	10	24	Chronic cystitis.
Aug.					
23,	Amos Darling Crooks,	86	2	30	Exhaustion.
28,	Calista M. Barton,	54	3	10	Apoplexy.
Oct.					
24,	Irene Davis,	12	0	0	Convulsions.
31,	Calvin Fairbanks,	77	0	6	Senile dementia.
Dec.					
13,	Jane E. Fairbanks,	73	7	0	Nervous exhaustion.
27,	Abigail A. Heyford,	80	11	27	Fibroid phthisic.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

Memorial Day.

Memorial exercises were held at Bellingham Centre, Sunday, May 25, 1902, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and Women's Relief Corps, also G. I. Partridge's Fife and Reed Band. The exercises were as follows: Prayer by the Post Chaplain, singing by the choir, reading by Miss Helen Thompson and an address by a student from the Newton Seminary, followed by the decoration of the Soldiers' graves; closing the exercises by singing "America."

The exercises at North Bellingham were held Sunday, May 25, 1902, by the West Medway Post, Sons of Veterans and Relief Corps. Exercises were opened by prayer by Post Chaplain and an address by Judge Grover of Canton, followed by decoration of Soldiers' graves by the Post, closing by singing.

The services at Rakeville Cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering, a member of the Woonsocket Post, and appropriate exercises were rendered by Comrades of the Post.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES BY THE SCHOOLS OF BELLINGHAM,

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1902.

PROGRAMME:

1. Form about the Soldiers' Monument.
2. Prayer.....Rev. Monroe Rockwood
3. Song, "Decoration Day."
4. "Salute to the Flag."
5. March to the Town Hall.
6. Recitation.....Emeline Bellan
7. Exercise, "Our Flag".....North First Primary
8. Song, "Bring Forth the Flowers".....Massey Schools
9. Recitation, "The Mother of a Soldier".....Robert Hunter
10. Exercise, "Memorial Day".....South Primary
11. "Lesson in Patriotism".....South Grammar
12. Song, "Called Home".....Henry Foley
13. Address.....Rev. David T. Magill, Milford

14.	Song, "Speed Our Republic"	South Schools
15.	Recitation, "Black, Blue and Gray"	Mabel Laverick
16.	Exercise, "Columbia and the Children".....	
	North Second Primary
17.	Recitation, "Union and Liberty".....	Samuel Palmer
18.	Chorus, "Flag Song".....	North Schools
19.	Exercise, "What Can Little Children Do".	Massey Primary
20.	"America".....	Schools and Audience

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the town.....	\$45 00
Balance from last year.....	5 34
	————\$50 34

EXPENSES.

Paid Franklin Post	\$10 00
West Medway Post.....	10 00
Woonsocket Post.....	5 00
Flowers and filling and painting urns at monu- ment and care of same.....	5 50
Transportation of scholars.....	13 25
Printing school programmes.....	1 75
Flags for monument.....	40
Labor.....	2 00
Music for the schools.	2 25
	————\$50 15

Balance in committee's hands19

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,

For the Committee.

Selectmen's Report.

We will say the affairs of the town run quite smoothly until last fall when the M. A. & W. Street Railway increased the price of a ride from the Four Corners to Milford and the dividing line at the Green Store, so-called. This action caused a commotion all over the town, both North and South parts, as well as the Centre. It was the cause of public meetings in the Town Hall, when the citizens criticized the actions of the Company, and the Selectmen were censured more, if anything, than the Company, for neglect of duty, especially in not foreseeing the wants of her citizens in five or ten years in the future, at the time the franchises were granted. A committee was chosen to wait upon the Company, and we feel those meetings have been of some benefit to us as a town. The citizens in the vicinity of the Centre not receiving the benefit asked for, petitioned the Selectmen for relief. They at once asked Mr. Ray (the director having that matter in charge) for a hearing. He immediately replied he was too unwell to receive the Board, but as soon as he was able he would be pleased to meet us and hear what we had to offer. We expect by the Annual Meeting to have a favorable report to make of the whole situation.

TOWN COMMON.

With the New School House sitting as it does we thought it advisable to have something done toward grading the Common. We employed Mr. Connolly to commence on the side next to the Town House. His work changed the looks of the building much. The other side being high and gravel quite good, Mr. Thayer, as Road Commissioner, would take and use the surplus on the road. After some work, finding much stone, the Common was looking bad and we agreed with him to level or grade, the rest of it. In striking large boulders it caused the expense to be much more than we expected, and the bill is now due.

Financial Statement.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriations.....	\$550 00	
From last year's account.....	10 32	
Transferred from emergency fund.....	51 93	
		\$612 25
Paid Horace A. Brown as school committee to March 1, 1902.....	\$10 00	
Henry W. Pickering as school commit- tee \$5, overseer of poor \$15, to Mar. 1, 1902.....	20 00	
Warren E. Fairbanks as selectman \$15, registrar \$10, to March, 1902, mod- erator, March, 1902, \$5.....	30 00	
Silas H. Williams, constable to Mar. 1902.....	5 00	
Clarence A. Crooks, auditor to March, 1902.....	10 00	
Otto L. Bullard, overseer of poor to March, 1902.....	50 00	
V. B. Rockwood, assessor to March, 1902.....	45 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, assessor to March, 1903.....	43 75	
Carroll E. White, assessor to March, 1903.....	38 75	
Judson E. Camp, assessor to March, 1903.....	31 25	
George F. Nugent, constable, years 1899, 1900, 1901.....	15 00	
L. Francis Thayer, treasurer to March, 1902.....	50 00	
Geo. Nelson, overseer of poor to Mar. 1902.....	15 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, selectman, \$15, registrar \$10, to March, 1902.....	25 00	
Henry A. Whitney, selectman.....	25 00	

Henry A. Whitney, town clerk, \$25, registrar, \$10.	35 00	
Henry A. Whitney, return of births, marriages, deaths, etc.	33 80	
Willie Levesque, constable, 1900-1901	10 00	
Carroll E. White, inspector of cattle to March, 1902.	87 00	
Ballots, clerks and tellers, Mar. 1902, \$10.70, November meeting, 1902, \$9	19 70	
Gilbert H. Drake, constable, \$5, police July 4, 1901-1902, \$4.	9 00	
Judson E. Camp, forest fire ward, to March, 1902.	2 00	
S. Fred Metcalf, police, July 4, 1902.	2 00	
		\$612 25

REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation.	\$200 00	
Transferred from emergency fund.	14 18	
		\$214 18
Paid Otis Whitney & Son, South Belling- ham school house.	93 60	
Cenedella Bro., South Bellingham school house.	38 05	
Rosebrook & Cummings, poor farm.	51 61	
C. A. Goodrich, poor farm.	30 92	
		\$214 18

PRINTING.

Appropriation.	\$100 00	
From last year's account.	28 00	
		\$128 00
Paid Charles E. Cook, reports, etc.	\$80 90	
G. M. Billings, voting list, \$7, ballots, \$9.75	16 75	
Geo. W. Southwick, assessors' notices	2 20	
		\$99 85
Balance to next year's account.		28 15

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Paid Sarah T. Rockwood, treasurer	\$100 00	
		100 00

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation	\$45 00	
Paid James O. Richardson	\$45 00	
		45 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation	\$25 00	
From last year's account	13 34	
		\$38 34
Paid S. F. Metcalf, labor, North Belling-		
ham county cemetery	\$8 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, labor, South Bel-		
ham county cemetery	10 58	
Varnum B. Rockwood, labor, Centre		
yard, \$6.90, Scammell yard, \$2.60..	9 50	
		\$28 08
Balance to next year's account		10 26

WATERING TROUGH AT RAKEVILLE.

Balance from last year's account	\$25 30	\$25 30
Paid E. H. Mulvey, plumbing bill	25 00	
		\$25 00
Balance to next year's account30

Board of Health.

The past year is the first in a great many years when your Board has been called on to treat small pox cases. There has been two the past year and we feel fortunate in not having the disease spread. Believing the thorough vaccination in the spring a great factor in suppressing the disease. The cost has been normal, the State assuming most of Dr. Jenckes' bill. We would advise the town to appropriate some money for the Board of Health. We have now two cases of diptheria, to supply anti-toxin, and the fumigation of the buildings which we assume to pay for the suppression, if possible, and thorough fumigation.

NO APPROPRIATION.

Due from the State Board of Health and		
Mr. Hoyt.....	\$165 00	
Transferred from emergency fund.....	\$143 24	
		\$308 24
Paid J. Allen Rice, vaccination tubes, etc.	\$23 39	
Dr. W. H. Clark, vaccination.....	46 25	
Dr. F. H. Jenckes, small pox case....	165 00	
Dr. William Monroe, small pox case..	60 00	
Henry A. Whitney, services and ex-		
penses incurred.....	10 30	
Orville C. Rhodes, services and ex-		
penses incurred.....	3 30	
		\$308 24

INCIDENTAL ITEMS.

Appropriation.....	\$150 00	
From emergency fund.....	72 39	
		\$222 39
Paid Thomas E. Grover, counsel.....	\$25 00	
E. L. Burdakin, copy of deeds.....	10 00	
L. F. Thayer, water tub to April, 1902	5 00	
Maurice J. Connolly, labor on common	30 50	
Medway fire department at fire at J. E.		
Camp's.....	52 00	
A. C. Black, ladder burnt at J. E.		
Camp's.....	3 00	
Henry A. Whitney, selectman, ex-		
penses... ..	13 49	
Orville C. Rhodes, selectman expenses	2 45	
L. F. Thayer, et al., fighting forest		
fires....	80 95	
		\$222 39

Town Well.

In the dry time last summer we caused a well to be put in on the land bought for that purpose, by advice of different ones. We thought it best to lay it up with brick, and if any impurities

it would be filtered through them. Water was reached in about ten feet, and a curb made and commenced to brick from this and sink the curb with the digging, which was done for some thirteen or fourteen feet with two rows of brick. Some boulders were encountered and an exceeding hard clay which made the work slow, and the expense increased in proportion. The well was finished before any rain to start the spring, and there was eleven feet in depth and ten feet in diameter of water. We think there is a good supply, and would advise that a pipe be laid this summer and connection made with a watering tub as intended, also the pipe be extended to the school house to save the town in putting in a well for school purposes, and not to make the tax rate higher; would suggest, allow the highway commissioners \$1000 by taxation and \$1000 from the excise tax, and the balance of the usual amount for the above purposes.

WATER IN THE CENTER OF THE TOWN.

Balance from last year's account.....	\$246 85	
Transferred from emergency fund.....	10 90	
	<hr/>	\$257 75
Paid Geo. E. Despeaux and men.....	\$242 50	
Phillip Cormier, carpenter and black-		
smith.....	15 25	
	<hr/>	\$257 75

TOWN HOUSE.

No appropriation.		
Received from Silas H. Williams, janitor..	\$11 00	
Transferred from emergency fund.....	6 67	
	<hr/>	\$17 67
Paid L. F. Thayer, wood for town office...	\$2 25	
L. F. Thayer, half cord wood for Hall	3 25	
James Crayton, setting window glass.	2 17	
Silas H. Williams, janitor, to March,		
1902 and 1903.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 67

CARE OF TRAMPS.

Appropriation	\$60 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$64 25

Paid Silas H. Williams, services \$1 per week.....	\$52 00	
Crackers, oil, etc.....	5 80	
	<hr/>	\$57 80
Balance to next year's account.....		6 45

INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00	
Balance of Sarah A. Drake estate.	19 14	
	<hr/>	\$119 14
Paid case of Mrs. Joseph Miett, jr.....		
Ida J. Ripley, for physician services..	\$18 00	
Ida J. Ripley, for day and night nurse	14 00	
For necessary articles.....	8 00	
Expenses of funeral above what the State allowed.....	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$54 00
Paid Martin V. Tingley, clothing for children.....	\$4 00	
	<hr/>	\$58 00
Balance to next year's account.....		61 14

STATE AID.

The following amounts have been disbursed under Chapter 374, Acts 1899, said amounts to be reimbursed by the State:

Milton R. Billings.....	\$48 00	
Bridget Burk.....	48 00	
John J. Gerstle.....	48 00	
Rebecca McDowell.....	48 00	
Ellen McKean.....	44 00	
John Shannon.....	44 00	
Eliphalet S. Sears.....	48 00	
Silas H. Williams.....	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$376 00

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Appropriation.....	\$150 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	20 42	
From Street Railway tax.....	137 74	
	<hr/>	\$308 16

Paid J. E. Camp.....	\$97 30	
Charles W. Paul.....	141 45	
L. Francis Thayer.....	46 91	
Fred M. Rhodes.....	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$308 16

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Appropriation, general use.....	\$1300 00	
From Street Railway tax.....	251 33	
	<hr/>	\$1551 33
Paid Judson E. Camp.....	\$491 76	
L. F. Thayer.....	544 73	
Fred M. Rhodes.....	514 84	
	<hr/>	\$1551 33

SPECIAL FOR HIGHWAY.

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Paid Fred M. Rhodes.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

Our State Road (So-Called).

In our last report we mentioned as having part of a section built. The travelling public were so well pleased with the road we at once applied to the Commissioners for another allotment, which was granted, of \$712 to build 1050 feet of road, and to be built under the same Acts as the former section. We made a much better arrangement as to expense than in the former. This section was to be built of field stone, and we furnished a fine piece of road. The Chairman of the Commissioners came out to see us, and we asked for more money to finish to the Blackstone line. He and their engineers looked the road over carefully and they laid out 2000 feet as a State highway and would allow us \$1232 to build the same. We made our estimates, and we couldn't, neither could any one else build that distance for that amount, and that being all the money the Commission could allow us they cut the distance to 1600 feet. We finished that section last fall, and it has been accepted as a State highway. You will see by the expense account the appropriation was exceeded, but as an offset we have stone bought and nearly

150 tons delivered on the bank for the crusher; also the road widened by the (Pond Hole) which had got to be done, State highway or not, which will account for the extra expense, and we will say it is the understanding with the Commission we are to have another allotment to finish to the Blackstone line and then if we can prevail on them to take about 800 feet of section two as a State highway, we have accomplished what the Board prayed for eight or nine years ago. In our report of 1899 we stated the expense for a survey had been considerable, but if we succeeded in getting even a short distance it was money well invested.

Items of expenditures in building the first section of road under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission :

Received from the State.....	\$700 00	
From the Railway tax.....	623 04	
		\$1323 04
Paid Frank M. Cook.....	\$54 36	
Geo. O. Potter.....	34 15	
Willis A. Burr and man.....	53 86	
George D. Nourse.....	33 50	
Abner A. Cook.....	16 73	
Henry O. Flagg, engineer on crusher..	38 22	
Edward F. Gay.....	25 50	
William F. Wales.....	30 67	
Ruel Martin.....	18 00	
J. J. McCarthy.....	11 33	
Herbert Parkhurst.....	18 00	
Raymond Elliott....	25 85	
Henry A. Whitney.....	38 88	
Orville C. Rhodes.....	50 52	
E. P. Le Morin.....	20 18	
Edward C. Barnes.....	34 04	
John McCarthy, jr.....	3 50	
Peter Rattie.....	1 50	
Joseph Nichols, on the roller.....	52 87	
Wm. L. and Hannah Elliott, team....	53 61	
John H. Webber and team.....	88 44	
Alexis Sorel and team.....	12 09	

Paid Stephen E. Scott and team.....	92 75
L. Francis Thayer and team.....	117 60
Fred M. Rhodes and team.....	23 08
Good Road Machinery Company, use of crusher	92 25
Woonsocket Lumber Co.....	25 95
Fred S. Coburn, pump, hose and sup- plies	48 45
Tingley Bro., labor.....	3 00
Joseph Buchard, labor.....	8 66
Charles Adams, labor.....	1 50
Joseph Ross.....	6 00
Joseph Delile.....	6 00
Robert Tracy.....	6 67
Edward Scovelle.....	75
Alonzo N. Whitney.....	67
Wm. C. White, labor and material...	7 90
Wm. A. Burr and Asahel Mann, posts	2 80
P. P. Cook, wood.....	22 00
George A. Staples, team	22 00
Woonsocket water cart.....	19 00
Geo. H. Miller, coal.....	42 25
Felix Brothers, lumber.....	6 43
Judson E. Camp, team.....	36 00
P. H. Barker, taking down crusher...	7 50
Henry A. Whitney, items necessarily incurred.....	8 03

[The Second Section.]

Received from the State.....	\$712 00
From the Railway Excise tax.....	292 57
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	\$1004 57
Paid Joseph Ross.....	\$18 33
Ruel Martin.....	14 00
Wm. F. Wales.....	22 81
E. P. Le Morin.....	8 33
Tingley Bro.....	67 92
Charles Adams.....	22 18

Paid Joseph Berchard	29 66
Joseph Delile	17 50
E. F. Gay	31 21
John Farnum, jr	15 33
W. H. Thayer, on roller	39 38
Robert Tracey	16 25
Orville C. Rhodes	29 73
Henry A. Whitney	31 25
S. E. Scott and teams	181 82
J. H. Webber	93 00
L. Francis Thayer	81 44
C. B. Tupper	88 43
F. M. Rhodes	42 00
John Farnham	25 69
Good Road Machinery Company, use of crusher and man	69 00
C. W. Paul, coal	11 70
Geo. Miller, coal	33 35
John Lain, water cart	4 00
Henry A. Whitney, items necessarily incurred	10 26

[No. 3 Statement on State Road].

Received from the State	\$1232 00
Received from the Excise tax	161 49
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	\$1393 49
Paid Joseph Delile	\$39 00
George D. Nourse	32 59
Rodolphe Hammell	28 50
Joseph Foster	30 00
John Rhodes	11 17
William White	47 55
Ed. Scovelle	29 17
Joseph Buchard	45 42
Robert Tracy	32 93
Charles Adams	15 00
Walter H. Thayer	4 00
Geo. O. Potter	16 72

Paid Robert Cross.....	5 50
Orville C. Rhodes.....	54 09
Henry A. Whitney.....	49 25
John H. Webber and team.....	107 56
F. M. Rhodes and team.....	113 11
Geo. A. Staples and team.....	8 00
S. E. Scott and teams.....	187 63
C. B. Tupper and teams.....	193 00
L. F. Thayer and team.....	96 00
Good Road Machinery Co., crusher and man.....	54 00
C. W. Paul, coal.....	43 35
Joseph Cook, gravel, \$4.80.....	24 00
Clarence Lincoln, stone wall.....	25 00
Blanchard Bro., covering stone.....	7 50
Joseph Nichols, engineer on roller....	42 65
City Lumber Co., fencing.....	12 54
Henry A. Whitney, items necessarily incurred.....	12 37
Town of Holden, use of water cart....	4 50
Asahel Mann, posts.....	2 88
Fred S. Coburn, hose for roller, etc....	16 51
P. P. Cook, barrels.....	2 00

Street Railways Tax.

The State collects a tax from the Street Railways which it pays into the town, also the Assessors of the town assess an Excise tax on gross receipts of the road, payable to and all for the benefit of the highways. The following is the amount received and the amount expended to the present time. Received for year ending February 1, 1900 :

State railway tax	\$70 13
Street Railway, M. A. & W.....	21 93
Street Railway, M. H. & F.....	17 23
	<hr/> \$109 29

Year ending Feb. 1, 1901 :

State railway tax.....	\$98 38
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Street Railway, M. A. & W.....	141 13	
Street Railway, M. H. & F	21 30	
		<hr/> \$260 81
Year ending Feb. 1, 1902 :		
State railway tax.....	\$1901 42	
Street Railway, M. A. & W.....	249 49	
Street Railway, M. H. & F.....	22 18	
		<hr/> \$2173 09
Year ending Feb. 1, 1903 :		
State railway tax.....	\$672 82	
Street Railway, M. A. & W.....	253 74	
Street Railway, M. H. & F.....	7 45	
		<hr/> \$934 01
		<hr/> \$3477 20

EXPENSES.

Maurice J. Connolly, work on fence of electric road.	\$5 10	
		<hr/> \$5 10
The Selectmen, for labor on State Road (so-called), first allotment.....	\$623 04	
Selectmen, for labor on State Road so- called), second allotment.....	292 57	
Selectmen, for labor on State Road.....	161 49	
		<hr/> \$1077 10
Highway Commissioners' balance on snow bills, 1902, account.....	\$137 74	
Highway Commissioners' balance on high- way, 1902 account.....	251 33	
		<hr/> \$389 07
		<hr/> \$1471 27
Leaving a balance in the treasury....		<hr/> \$2005 93

EMERGENCY FUND.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	4 65	
		<hr/> \$304 65

Road Commissioners' Report.

The roads throughout the town are, as a whole, in good condition. The bridges at the North part will need but little repairing. The road on the line of M. A. & W. Street Railway from North Bellingham to the Four Corners will have to be repaired by some one the coming year. If the Railroad Company are not going to do it the Town will have to, as it is in bad shape. We would recommend a special appropriation of \$150 for cutting bushes along the highway.

At the South part the road is in fair condition. Considerable new guard rail will have to be erected and some of the old rail will need repairing. The bridge over Peters' River, near South Bellingham Station, will have to be rebuilt, the stringers have already been purchased, but were not delivered in season to be used last fall. The \$200 appropriated to repair the bridge and street at Bungy Brook was expended as the Commissioners deemed best by repairing and enlarging the old bridge, also putting in a new 24-inch tile pipe and raising the grade of street nearly two feet which has so far seemed to work very satisfactorily.

JUDSON E. CAMP,	}	Road
L. FRANCIS THAYER,		} Commissioners.
FRED M. RHODES,		

Report of the Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$3034 72
Borrowed from Milford Bank.....	7000 00
From Corporation tax	83 74
National Bank tax.....	79 87
State aid.....	310 00
Indigent soldiers.....	35 00
Street Railway tax.....	680 72
Income Massachusetts school fund....	526 34
County treasurer dog tax.....	239 21
School fund on account district.....	416 66
State treasurer, State road.....	1412 00
State treasurer, State road.....	1170 40
State treasurer, State road.....	61 60
Estate of Sarah Drake (ind. soldier)..	19 14
State treasurer, board charity.....	22 25
E. P. Blackman, pool table	5 00
“ “ bowling alley.....	3 00
Thoder B., pool room.....	5 00
Noah Miner, pool room.....	2 00
District Court.....	38 92
Dedham Court.....	10 00
State treasurer, inspector of cattle....	25 00
Milford, Holliston and Framingham	
Street Railway tax.....	7 45
H. A. Whitney, Beaver Pond school	
house	60 00
H. A. Whitney, Crimpville school	
house	12 50
H. A. Whitney, North Bellingham	
school house lot.....	55 00
C. A. Crooks, tax collector.....	9151 71
G. H. Drake, tax collector.....	3618 41

From M. A. & W. Street Railway, Hoag	
Lake.....	100 00
Overseer Poor.....	2509 70
School Committee.....	11 25
	—————\$30,706 59

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.....	\$390 00
County tax.....	521 70
Overseer Poor, orders.....	3912 61
Milford Bank, borrowed money.....	7000 00
School Committee.....	7981 90
Town officers.....	602 55
District Court.....	104 08
Town cemeteries.....	28 08
Repairing Town buildings.....	214 18
State aid.....	376 00
Road Commissioners.....	1551 33
Miscellaneous Selectmen's orders.....	4378 99
Interest on Town notes.....	157 92
Interest on borrowed money.....	100 02
Interest on Town notes, on account school houses.....	420 00
Town notes on account of school houses.....	1017 50
Public Library.....	100 00
Henry A. Whitney, by vote of town..	25 00
V. B. Rockwood, indigent soldiers..	35 00
Gilbert H. Drake, collector of taxes..	112 00
" " taxes abated.....	52 98
Stationery and stamps.....	5 35
Cemetery lots in trust.....	34 50
Henry A. Whitney, selling and deeding school houses.....	6 25
Henry A. Whitney, expenses on school house lot.....	5 00
	—————\$29,132 94

 LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Baptist society note.....	\$632 00
Heirs of Luther Thayer note.....	1000 00
L. F. Thayer note.....	2000 00
New school house note.....	12,000 00
	—————\$15,632 00

ASSETS.

Due from G. H. Drake, tax collector.....	\$753 53
Due from C. A. Crooks, tax collector.....	3216 54
Cash on hand.....	1573 65
	—————\$5543 72
Liabilities in excess of assets.....	<u>\$10,088 28</u>

L. F. THAYER, Town Treasurer.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS, AND
WHICH THE TOWN HOLDS IN TRUST.

Name and Amount Left.	One Year's Interest on Several Burial Lots.	Amount Expended on Each Lot During the Year, as follows:	Balance Due on Each Lot for the Year Ending 1903.
Zebina Bullard.....	\$100 00	Paid Trustees of Cemeteries....	\$13 00
B. Benedict	40 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	0 00
A. P. Eaton	50 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	3 50
Sarah Holbrook	100 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	8 00
E. Barber	30 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	1 50
Jarvis Cook.	50 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	3 50
Lavinia Taft..	50 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	0 00
P. Bryant	100 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	5 00
A. M. Clarke	30 00	“ “ “ “ “ “	00 0
	<u>\$550 00</u>		<u>\$34 50</u>
			<u>\$72 94</u>

Report of Overseers of Poor.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM:

The Overseers of the Poor present the following report for the year ending February 1, 1903:

The town farm and almshouse have been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whiting the past year. The present number of inmates is five. Abigail Hayford died December 27, 1902, aged 81.

We have one patient in Worcester Insane Hospital. Four families have received partial support.

There have been expended in repairs of buildings \$82.53, this expense was charged to repairs of town buildings. Other repairs will be needed this coming year.

Water from the new well has been put into the house and barns by means of a ten-foot steel wind mill and fixtures.

Tramps have been cared for at the Police Station by S. H. Williams:

Lodged and fed February, 1902.....	37
“ “ March, 1902.....	62
“ “ April, 1902.....	24
“ “ May, 1902.....	7
“ “ June, 1902.....	4
“ “ July, 1902.....	3
“ “ August, 1902.....	3
“ “ September, 1902.....	4
“ “ October, 1902.....	25
“ “ November, 1902.....	35
“ “ December, 1902.....	40
“ “ January, 1903....	72
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Total.....	316

APPROVED BILLS.

For care.....	\$52 00
Crackers and oil	5 50

Sulphur.....	20
Top for lamp....	10
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	57 80

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

	AGE.	WEEKS.
Abigal Hayford.....	81	48
Sarah Cross.....	46	52
Clarissa P. Adams.....	51	52
Bridget Burke.....	58	52
Mary Watt.....	57	52
Robert A. Daniels.....	73	52
Elizabeth Burke.....	21	12 2d
James F. Melia.....	2	11 5d
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		332

PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY THE
SELECTMEN, JANUARY 31, 1903.

Land and buildings.....	\$4400 00
14 cows, 1 bull, 8 young stock.....	805 00
115 fowls, 8 ducks.....	104 00
3 shoats.....	25 00
3 horses.....	275 00
Harnesses, blankets and halters.....	125 00
10 wagons and sleds.....	552 00
20 cords green wood.....	75 00
20 cords stove wood.....	100 00
Logs, lumber and posts.....	55 00
Farm machinery.....	176 50
Small tools of all kinds.....	174 00
Grain.....	15 00
Coal, oil, tar, brick and ashes.....	11 85
Potatoes and other vegetables.....	103 50
Bone-cutter.....	14 00
Fish and pork.....	23 50
Flour, groceries and butter.....	41 50

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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Cider, vinegar and barrels.....	22 00
Household goods.....	400 00
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	\$7497 85

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Labor.....	\$6 75
Fowls and eggs	115 91
Potatoes and other vegetables.....	74 85
Stock	112 00
Use of bull.....	12 50
Board	190 75
Milk and carting....	1232 35
Junk.....	12 88
Returned from Daily News.....	2 75
Wood	136 50
Transporting scholars.....	340 00
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	\$2237 24

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Received from Fall River....	\$88 00
Received from J. J. Gerstle, guardian.....	169 46
Received from State on account of State paupers.....	15 00
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	\$272 46

BILLS DUE TOWN FARM.

Estate of Paul D. Chilson.....	\$32 40
For transporting scholars.....	50 00
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	\$82 40

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From State on account of Patrick Hayes.....	\$6 00
From Fall River.....	104 00
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	\$110 00

OUTSIDE AID.

Mrs. Amanda Frazier.....	\$104 00
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Miss Etta Bates.....	83 60
Joseph Gerstle.....	169 46
Patrick Hayes.....	6 00
Mrs. Polly Drake.....	26 00
Mary O'Connell.....	2 75
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	\$391 81

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Hardware and seeds.....	\$176 83
Labor.....	472 05
Stock.....	85 00
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs.....	142 80
Grain.....	864 04
Sundries for farm use.....	811 11
Groceries and meat.....	470 17
Dry Goods and shoes.....	24 32
Doctor's bills and medicine.....	3 75
Sundries for housekeeping.....	33 66
Salary.....	399 98
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	\$3483 71

INCIDENTALS.

Books, stationary, postage and traveling expenses....	\$37 09
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 RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From farm.....	\$2237 24
From other sources.....	272 46
Bills due Town farm.....	82 40
Bills due from Fall River.....	104 00
Bills due from State.....	6 00
Gain in appraisals.....	85 35
Appropriation.....	1000 00
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	\$3787 45

EXPENDITURES.

Expense at Town farm.....	\$3483 71
Outside aid.....	391 81
	<hr/> \$3875 52

Exceeded income..... \$88 07

COST OF KEEPING INMATES AT TOWN FARM EXCLUDING INTEREST
AND REPAIRS.

Appraisal of personal property Town farm January 31, 1902.....	\$3312 50
Appraisal of personal property at Town farm January 31, 1903.....	3097 85
Loss....	214 65
Income at Town farm.....	2237 24
Bills due Town farm.....	82 40
Less loss in appraisal.....	214 65
Expense at Town farm.....	3483 71
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Net expense at Town farm.....	\$1398 72
332 week's board at \$4.21+	

POOR DEPARTMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN TREASURER.

DR.

To orders No. 529 to 627, inclusive.....	\$3912 61
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Receipts at farm.....	\$2237 24
From other sources....	272 46
Appropriation.....	1000 00
Overdrawn.....	402 91
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	\$3912 61

We estimate that \$1400 will be required to meet the expenses of this department for the next year and recommend that that amount be appropriated.

O. L. BULLARD, Chairman,
Overseers of Poor.

Tax Collectors' Report.

Amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1902, on the year 1900 tax.....		\$975 19
Amount collected Feb. 1, 1903....	\$922 21	
Tax abated.....	52 98	
		\$975 19
Interest collected on 1900 tax	\$160 89	
Amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1902, on the year 1901 tax.....		\$3396 47
Amount collected Feb. 1, 1903.....	\$2522 76	
Amount uncollected.....	873 71	
		\$3396 47
Interest collected on 1901 tax.....		\$1 10

G. H. DRAKE, Collector.

Tax Collectors' Report.

1902 TAXES.

Amount to be collected.....	\$12,091 44	
Excise taxes to be collected.....	261 19	
		\$12,352 63
Amount collected and paid treasurer Feb. 1, 1903.....	8882 35	
Amount excise taxes collected and paid treasurer Feb. 1, 1903.....	253 74	
Amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1903, (in- cluding excise tax of \$7.45).....	3216 54	
		\$12,352 63
Interest collected to Feb. 1, 1903.....	\$15 62	
Interest paid treasurer.....	15 62	

C. A. CROOKS, Tax Collector.

REPORT

Of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

The Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library respectfully present their eighth annual report.

The Library is steadily increasing in its number of readers. There being at present 164 regular patrons, evenly distributed through the Centre, North and South parts of the town.

The Trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$125.

W. E. HOWES, Chairman Library Trustees.

Librarian's Report.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, in April, I was asked to fill the position as Librarian for the eighth consecutive year, and herewith respectfully submit the following statement: During the year there have been 164 card-holders; the circulation of books for home use 2,165. There have been added to the library 150 volumes, 100 by purchase and 50 by gift. The total number of volumes in the library is 1,419.

The library has been opened as usual for delivery of books every Saturday P. M. from 3 to 5:30, and from 7 to 8 o'clock, and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8, with the exception of two weeks in January, when the library was closed as usual to repair the books, and right here I would like to take the privilege of calling the attention of the patrons to articles 5, 8, and the last clause in article 9, in our Rules and By-Laws, found in our catalogues. The last named article gives the State Laws for the preservation of books in Public Libraries. We feel the year has been a very satisfactory one, and we are glad to note the interest shown in all parts of the town. Of course fiction largely predominates in the circulation, but the demand for a better class of such books increases. The library has been more frequently used for reference than any previous year and we trust in time the reference department may be made valuable and keep in mind one of the objects of the Public Library.

In selection of books it is the purpose to consider the varied tastes and needs of all classes of readers and the work is a responsible one. To assist them in their duty the Trustees will welcome any suggestions and advice. Among the gifts of books during the year the library has received a copy of "The Lawson History of the America's Cup," from Mr. Thomas W. Lawson. The magazines that are donated from time to time are fully appreciated.

Revised Laws of Massachusetts, 2 vols., and Index may be found in Library, also Report of the Commission on "Andersonville Monument."

We trust all interested in our Library will do their utmost to continue its progress.

SARA T. ROCKWOOD, Librarian.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending February 1, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 1, 1902.....	\$ 3 15	
Received from Town.....	100 00	
Received from fines.....	4 67	
Received from sale of catalogues.....	84	
		\$108 66

EXPENDITURES.

New books.....	\$70 00	
Printing supplementary catalogues.....	3 50	
Printing Public Statutes.....	1 25	
Librarian	20 00	
Supplies and expenses.....	5 33	
Cash on hand February 1, 1903.....	8 58	
		\$108 66

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. ROCKWOOD, Treasurer.

HIGHWAYS.

Financial Statement.

[F. M. Rhodes, Commissioner.]

Paid Charles Adams.....	$8\frac{2}{3}$	days	\$1.50..	\$13 00
William A. Burr.....	3	“	“ ..	4 50
Olney Cook.....	$10\frac{1}{2}$	“	“ ..	15 75
John McCarthy.....	$4\frac{5}{9}$	“	“ ..	6 83
Ruel Martin.....	26	“	“ ..	39 00
O. C. Rhodes.....	$23\frac{7}{9}$	“	“ ..	35 67
William Scott.....	$10\frac{4}{9}$	“	“ ..	15 67
William C. White.....	$30\frac{4}{9}$	“	“ ..	45 67
Emerson Barlett.....	$1\frac{2}{3}$	“	“ ..	2 50
Joseph Burchard.....	$17\frac{4}{9}$	“	“ ..	26 17
Frank Lebœuf.....	10	“	“ ..	15 00
Joseph Ross.....	$16\frac{7}{9}$	“	“ ..	25 17
Robert Tracy... ..	$0\frac{7}{9}$	“	“ ..	1 17
William Wales.....	$15\frac{8}{9}$	“	“ ..	23 84
George D. Crooks.....	$2\frac{1}{2}$	“	“ ..	3 75
Fred M. Rhodes.....	$39\frac{1}{9}$	“	1.75 ..	68 44
John McCarthy, 2 horses....	$\frac{7}{9}$	“	2.50 ..	1 94
S. E. Scott, 2 horses	$10\frac{1}{9}$	“	“ ..	25 28
George D. Crooks, 2 horses..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	“	“ ..	6 25
Fred M. Rhodes, 2 horses...38	$\frac{7}{9}$	“	“ ..	96 94
Fred M. Rhodes, 1 horse....	$1\frac{2}{3}$	“	1.25 ..	2 08

\$474 62

Mrs. Joseph Brothers, 10 loads gravel, 4c..... 40

James O. Chilson, 34 “ “ “ 1 36

George D. Crooks, 39 “ “ “ 1 56

\$3 32

F. M. Rhodes, Chestnut plank, 700 ft. 2c. ft. \$14 00

F. M. Rhodes, 7 stringers at \$2 ft.....	14 00
“ “ Tools and repairs.....	8 90
	<hr/> \$36 90
Total.....	<hr/> \$514 84

[J. E. Camp, Commissioner.]

Paid Frank Williams.....7	days	\$1.50	\$10 50
Maurice Fitzpatrick..24 $\frac{1}{2}$	“	“	36 50
William Joslin.....19	“	“	28 50
Lewis Anthony.....20	“	“	30 00
John Kelley.....16	“	“	24 00
Harley Grover.....18	“	“	27 00
Walter Grover.....6 $\frac{1}{2}$	“	“	9 75
Eugene O'Neil.....4	“	“	6 00
Thomas Myers... ..16	“	“	24 00
Herbert Williams....5	“	“	7 50
Leonard Stafford....16	“	“	24 00
Fred Thorn.....9	“	“	13 50
Edward O'Donnell...10	“	“	15 00
St. Claire Godit.....2	“	“	3 00
Thomas Keiff.....1	“	“	1 50
John McGill.....2	“	“	3 00
John Sheon.....2	“	“	3 00
Frank Taylor.....4	“	“	6 00
Patrick Dwyer.....3	“	“	4 50
Lewis Ross.....2	“	“	3 00
John Marine.....6	“	“	9 00
Fred D. Presho.....1	“	“	1 50
Edward Ober.....1	“	“	1 50
J. E. Camp.....5	“	1.75	8 75
“ “ 4 horses, 4	“	5.00	20 00
“ “ 2 horses.48 $\frac{1}{2}$	“	2.50	121 25
			<hr/> \$442 25
J. E. Camp, 83 loads gravel, 4c			3 32
Geo. Jennison, 134 loads gravel, 4c..			5 36
Addison S. Burr, 79 loads gravel, 4c..			3 16
			<hr/> \$11 84

(Beach Street Bridge.)

Paid J. E. Camp.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ day	\$1.75.	87
Joseph Wales....	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	1.50.	75
J. E. Camp, 384 ft. plank.....			9 78
" " 25 lbs. spikes.....			75
			<hr/> \$12 15

(Widening and railings at Stall Brook Bridge.)

J. E. Camp.. . .	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days	\$1.75	2 62
Frank Williams...	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	1.50	2 25
Thomas Myers....	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	2 25
John Kelley.....	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	2 25
J. E. Camp, 2 horses, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$2.50.			3 75
" " 5 loads gravel 4c.....			20
Laura A. Cook, 25 loads sand, 4c....			1 00
J. E. Camp, 14 posts			2 10
" " 340 ft. plank.....			8 50
" " 20 lbs. spikes.....			60
			<hr/> \$25 52
Total.....			<hr/> \$491 76

[L. F. Thayer, Commissioner.]

Paid Hiram A. Cook, 40 days, $6\frac{3}{4}$ hours, at \$1.50....	\$61 13
John Gerstle, 16 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, at 1.50.....	24 08
Charles O'Connor, 21 days, $6\frac{3}{4}$ hours, at 1.50....	32 63
E. F. Gay, 15 days, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, at 1.50.....	22 92
A. N. Whitney. 40 days, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours, at 1.50.....	61 25
Albert A. Hancock, 20 days, at 1.50.....	30 00
Peter Labidie, 40 days, $8\frac{3}{4}$ hours, at 1.50... ..	61 46
George D. Nourse, 18 days, 3 hours, at 1.50.....	27 50
S. Lewis, 10 hours, at 1.50.	1 67
Clifford Thayer, 10 hours, at 1.50.....	1 67
Lloyd Thayer, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, at 1.50.....	42
James Graves, 5 hours, at 1.50.	83
William Duckett, 3 days, at 2.50.....	7 50

Paid L. F. Thayer, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at 1.75.....	33 69
W. C. White, 5 days, 4 hours, at 1.50.....	8 17
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	\$374 92
P. P. Cook, 2 horses, 2 days, at 4.00.....	8 00
L. F. Thayer, 4 horses, 14 days, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, at 5.00	70 84
“ “ 2 horses, 25 days, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours, at 2.50	64 66
“ “ 1 horse, 26 hours, at 15c.....	3 90
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	\$147 40
Paid James Munroe, 77 loads gravel, at 4c.....	3 08
Warren Lazell, 10 loads gravel, at 4c.....	40
C. W. Paul, 96 loads gravel, at 4c.....	3 84
L. F. Thayer, 26 loads gravel, at 4c.....	1 04
J. Apgar, 17 loads gravel, at 4c.....	68
George Jennison, 88 loads gravel, at 4c.....	3 52
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	\$12 56
Tools and repairs.....	9 85
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Total.....	\$544 73

Special Appropriations for Highway

(Between Peters' River and Bungy Brook.)

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Paid Wm. C. White, 8 1-9 days, at \$1.50.....	12 17
O. C. Rhodes, 8 5-9 days, at 1.50.....	12 83
Ruel Martin, 8 days, at 1.50.....	12 00
Joseph Burchard, 9 5-9 days, at 1.50.....	14 33
Robert Tracy, 5-9 days, at 1.50.....	83
George Nourse, 4 5-9 days, at 1.50.....	6 83
Fred M. Rhodes, 9 5-9 days, at 1.75.....	16 72
Mr. Williams, 4 5-9 days, at 1.50.....	6 83
Albert Hancock, 4 5-9 days, at 1.50.....	6 83
J. E. Camp, 2 horses, 4 5-9 days, at 2.50.....	11 39
L. F. Thayer, 2 horses, 4 5-9 days, at 2.50.....	11 39
F. M. Rhodes, 2 horses, 8 7-9 days, at 2.50.....	21 94

Paid Stone mason, 5 days, at 2.50.....	12 50
Joseph Burchard, cutting brush.....	1 93
Gravel, 227 loads, 4c per load.....	9 08
Tiling and cement.....	42 40
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Total.....	\$200 00

JUDSON E. CAMP,
L. FRANCIS THAYER,
FRED M. RHODES.

Auditor's Report

I have examined the various accounts, and vouchers, of the Town Officers handling the Town's money, and find them correct.

GEO. E. ALDRICH, Auditor.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1902-3.



WOONSOCKET, R. I.:
CHARLES E. COOK, PRINTER.
1903.

School Committee, 1902-'03.

HORACE A. BROWN, Chairman.....Term expires 1904

CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Secretary.....Term expires 1905

JAMES O. RICHARDSON Term expires 1903

ELMER E. SHERMAN, }
HERBERT F. TAYLOR, } Superintendents.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

EDWARD BENNETT,

FRED M. RHODES,

LUMAN R. CAMP,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following annual report :

The Committee organized with Horace A. Brown, Chairman, and Clarence A. Crooks, Secretary.

The joint committee representing the towns of Mendon, Hopedale and Bellingham met in April and elected Horace A. Brown, Chairman, and Frank J. Dutcher, Secretary.

Mr. E. E. Sherman was again unanimously elected Superintendent for the joint district, but resigned at the close of the spring term to accept a similar position at Weymouth, leaving our schools in excellent condition.

Mr. Herbert F. Taylor of Worcester, was chosen his successor and began work with the fall term.

Many necessary changes have been made at the South school which called for an expenditure of quite a sum of money, but the results obtained in the heating and ventilation as well as the improved appearance of the building fully justify the outlay.

We wish to call attention at this time to the crowded condition of the schools there ; by transporting the Eighth and Ninth grades to the Centre school we have relieved the condition somewhat and will probably continue to do so for another year, but should that part of the town continue to grow it will be necessary within a few years to enlarge the building.

The report of the Superintendent follows our financial statement and is worthy of careful reading by all.

The following figures are the estimates for the coming year :

Teaching and care.....	\$3920 00
Superintendent	500 00
Tuition (estimated).....	600 00
Transportation	880 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
Supplies....	150 00
Text books.....	150 00

Fuel.....	650 00	
		<u>\$7050 00</u>
Less the following receipts:		
Dog tax.....	\$240 00	
Income State Bank, etc.....	165 00	
Superintendent's account from State...	416 00	
Income State school fund (estimated).....	529 00	
		<u>\$1350 00</u>
Needed appropriation.....		<u>\$5700 00</u>

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	\$5400 00	
District Supervision Fund (from State....)	416 66	
County Treasurer (Dog Tax).....	239 21	
Income School Bank and surplus revenue .	165 00	
Income State school fund.....	526 34	
Tuition.....	10 00	
Special appropriation for well.....	60 00	
Incidental articles sold.....	1 25	
		<u>\$6818 46</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching.....	\$3512 50	
Superintendent.....	556 04	
Care of building.....	534 00	
Fuel.....	399 50	
Text books.....	163 11	
Tuition.....	410 10	
Incidentals (including repairs).....	500 64	
Supplies.....	201 98	
Transportation.....	873 70	
		<u>\$7151 57</u>
Exceeded appropriation.....		<u>\$333 11</u>

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Paid Mary A. Billings.....	\$396 00	
Katherine F. Allen.....	378 00	
Mary Forbes.....	389 00	
Elsie V. Trask.....	361 00	
Georgiana Smith.....	351 00	
Harriet H. Dodge.....	220 00	
Ida G. McDonald.....	198 00	
Hannah G. Kennedy.....	399 00	
Katherine L. Bragg.....	399 00	
Julia Bradley, teacher of drawing....	22 50	
Emily F. Upton.....	399 00	
		\$3512 50

SUPERVISION.

Paid E. E. Sherman.....	\$283 34	
H. F. Taylor.....	272 70	
		\$556 04

(The State paid the Town \$416.66 on account of supervision ;
net expense of supervision, \$139.38).

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid J. O. Richardson, janitor.....	\$222 00	
S. F. Metcalf, janitor.....	222 00	
Leon Brooks, janitor.....	90 00	
		\$534 00

FUEL.

Paid L. F. Thayer, coal and wood.....	\$152 25	
H. A. Barney, coal.....	86 00	
C. A. Crooks, wood.....	61 25	
O. L. Bullard, wood.....	58 50	
E. B. Whiting, wood.....	27 50	
S. F. Metcalf, wood.....	14 00	
		\$399 50

 TEXT BOOKS.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.....	\$3 00	
Ginn & Co.....	45 10	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	24 31	
Rand, McNally & Co.....	14 40	
Boston Supply Co.....	10 50	
American Book Co.....	30 80	
Prang Educational Co.....	4 16	
Charles Scribner's Sons.....	10 04	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	4 42	
Benj. J. Sanborn.....	1 67	
American Book Co.....	13 95	
Edward E. Babb.....	76	
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		\$163 11

TUITION.

Paid the City of Woonsocket.....	\$62 10	
the Town of Franklin.....	348 00	
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		\$410 10

INCIDENTALS (INCLUDING REPAIRS).

Paid E. M. Slocomb, glass, etc.....	\$1 50
H. W. Pickering, can and oil.....	37
Bay State Heating Co., stack-heater..	15 00
C. A. Crooks, brooms, etc.....	1 37
J. O. Richardson, labor, repairs, etc..	14 90
O. Whitney & Sons, labor, lumber, etc	6 17
Cenedella Bros., digging well, etc....	99 97
L. F. Thayer, express and sundries...	15 36
E. E. Sherman, map hooks.....	16
S. F. Metcalf, grading and seeding lawn, etc.....	40 60
Geo. E. Tingley, team-work and posts	6 20
M. M. White, labor.....	5 00
A. N. Durfee, cleaning windows	5 00
J. M. Burchard, labor.....	1 00
H. A. Brown, for well, postage, etc...	5 45
H. F. Taylor, travelling expenses and express.....	93

Paid F. E. Barrows, painting.....	110 00	
Leon Brooks, repairs and labor.....	14 20	
Clark, Ellis & Sons, supplies.....	25 63	
J. F. Damon, pump and fixtures.....	25 40	
Eldrege & Sons.....	10 50	
Clark, Ellis & Sons, lead pipe, etc....	86 02	
H. A. Whitney, taking school census.	8 91	
	<hr/>	\$500 64

SUPPLIES.

Paid G. M. Billings, report cards, etc.....	\$5 98	
Geo. S. Perry, paper, pens, etc.....	30 90	
J. O. Richardson.....	2 00	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	129 58	
H. F. Taylor.....	3 53	
Ginn & Co.....	1 57	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., water, colors, etc.....	10 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	18 42	
	<hr/>	\$201 98

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid H. W. Pickering, car fare.....	\$2 00	
C. B. Tupper.....	66 00	
Geo. Melrose, car fare.....	18 65	
John McCarthy, car fare.....	1 80	
C. A. Crooks, car fare.....	89 00	
Horace A. Brown, car fare.....	2 25	
A. W. Care.....	150 00	
L. F. Thayer.....	204 00	
Poor department.....	340 00	
	<hr/>	\$873 70

HORACE A. BROWN,	}	School Committee.
CLARENCE A. CROOKS,		
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,		

Report

of the Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF BELLINGHAM:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby present the ninth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, and the first of the present incumbent.

I found, when taking up the work in September, your schools in excellent condition, so the problem thus far has been to maintain the high standard set by my predecessor, rather than to introduce innovations.

Good schools depend on two important considerations, material equipment and good teachers.

In material equipment Bellingham is particularly fortunate, as the new buildings completed last year, are in every way satisfactory.

The school house at South Bellingham is not large enough to accommodate the rapidly increasing population in that section of the town. The primary room is now full to its seating capacity, and although the pressure in the grammar room was relieved by transferring the eighth grade to the Massey in September, next September will find both rooms overflowing. Should the entering class be as large as the present one, only two grades could be accommodated in the primary room, forcing the third grade into the grammar room, but to make room for it there, the seventh and eighth grades would have to be transferred to the Center.

The size of the classes at the Center would make this plan economical as it would not require an additional teacher. It would lessen the number of grades of the teachers at the South, while the increased size of the classes at the Center would provide a healthy rivalry which is desirable.

The other factor in good schools is good teachers, and here again Bellingham is fortunate. The teachers, for the most part, are good, and the fact that you have been able to retain them is

a matter for congratulation. There has been but one resignation the past year, Miss Harriet Dodge, principal of the North school, resigning.

Improvement in your schools will come from a more skillful correlation on the part of the teachers of the studies laid down in the course, thus securing greater unity in aim and results.

It is my purpose to arrange the supplementary reading material in a more definite way, so that the graduates of our schools shall not only be able to read intelligently, but shall have an outline of the world's great literature, upon which to base their future reading. A school which sends a child out knowing how to read, but furnishes him no guide as to what to read does only half its work.

A beginning has been made in the ninth grade, the children showing enthusiasm and pleasure in the work.

I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial co-operation of the librarian of the Bellingham Free Library, in connection with this course.

As literature is an expression of the thoughts of men, so the child should be encouraged to express his thoughts in written as well as spoken form. A plan has been introduced of binding together the written work in the various subjects or making books as it were. As the original copy is the one bound, the plan has proved an inspiration to do more careful work, knowing the books are to be shown visitors and sent home to the parents at the end of the year.

A method of expression often more easily comprehended than writing is drawing. The work in this branch has been continued this year following an outline prepared by Miss Robinson, special instructor in drawing at Hopedale. A small sum has been expended for water colors, and I would recommend that a teacher be employed next year one day of the week to supervise the drawing.

I also recommend that a beginning be made in systematic instruction in music, the desirability of which needs no argument.

A perusal of the table on the following page shows these

facts which for convenience are here expressed in round numbers ;

Total enrollment in home schools.....	317
Tuition pupils in outside high schools	24
Whole number of scholars.....	341
Average membership in home schools.....	273
Average attendance in home schools.....	256
Percent of attendance in home schools.....	93+
Number of tardy marks.....	321

A comparison of these figures with those of last year shows a decrease of two percent in attendance, and an increase of 119 in the number of tardy marks. These facts are partially accounted for by a small pox scare which seriously interfered with the attendance, during the spring term.

The remedy for tardy marks would seem to lie equally with teachers and parents.

In closing it gives me pleasure to express my appreciation of the conscientious and enthusiastic work of the teachers, and to thank the School Committee for support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1901, TO JUNE, 1902.

SCHOOLS.	Average Member-ship.	Average Attend-ance.	Per Cent. of At-tend-ance.	Total Enroll-ment.	Total Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dis-missed.	Tru-ants.	Corporal Punish-ment.	Visits by Superin-tendent.	Visits by Others
North Grammar ..	19.6	18.75	95.7	24	75.5	18	76	0	0	24	116
North Sub-Gram'r.	35.79	33.8	94.54	42	328.0	72	44	1	2	23	37
North Intermediate	30.83	28.6	92.62	34	363.5	35	6	1	3	16	22
North Primary....	48.02	43.52	90.43	53	758.0	58	18	0	0	13	36
Massey Grammar..	16.26	15.41	94.78	22	167.0	55	57	0	0	35	40
Massey Interme'ate	22.64	21.31	94.13	27	235.5	45	37	0	1	29	43
Massey Primary...	29.72	27.49	92.49	33	363.0	38	38	0	0	23	42
South Grammar....	26.43	25.30	95.77	27	202.0	0	20	0	0	21	122
South Primary....	44.05	41.78	94.79	55	410.0	0	0	0	0	17	131
Summaries....	273.34	255.96	93.64	317	2902.5	321	272	2	6	201	589

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Number between five and fifteen	124	155	279
Number between seven and fourteen	106	140	246
Number over fifteen	9	3	12
SCHOOL CENSUS STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1902.			
Number of children in town between five and fifteen	148	149	297
Number of children in town between seven and fourteen	109	104	213

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1902.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Date of Appointment.	WHERE FITTED.
NORTH.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Ida G. Macdonald.	Sept., 1902.	Dalhousie University.
5, 6,	Hannah G. Kennedy.	Sept., 1900.	Bridgewater Normal.
3, 4,	Emily F. Upton	Mar., 1899.	Newburyport Training.
1, 2,	Katherine L. Bragg.	Sept., 1899.	Bridgewater Normal.
MASSEY.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Mary Forbes.	Nov., 1900.	Nova Scotia Academy.
4, 5, 6,	Elsie V. Trask.	Sept., 1898.	Franklin High.
1, 2, 3,	Georgianna Smith.	Dec., 1901.	Newburyport Training.
SOUTH.			
Grades 4, 5, 6, 7,	Katherine F. Allen.	Mar., 1896.	Woonsocket High.
1, 2, 3,	Mary A. Billings.	Jan., 1896.	Dean Academy.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1902, TO JUNE, 1903.

FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Sept. 8, 1902.	Dec. 12, 1902.	Dec. 29, 1902.	Mar. 20, 1903.	Apr. 6, 1903.	June 12, 1903.

Holidays: Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1903, TO JUNE, 1904.

FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Sept. 14, 1903.	Dec. 18, 1903	Jan. 4, 1904.	Mar. 25, 1904.	Apr. 11, 1904.	June 17, 1904.

Holidays: Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day.

Brief Extracts from Educational Laws.

1. All children between 7 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, to the satisfaction of the School Committee, must attend the public schools during the entire time of each school year. Penalty to parent or guardian for failure in attendance for five days' sessions within any period of six months, \$20.

2. No child under 14 shall be employed "in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment." "No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation" during the hours when the public school is in session nor before six o'clock in the morning or after seven in the evening.

3. No child under 16 shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools. He must present an employment ticket from the person who wishes to employ him, on applying for a certificate. The father, if living and a resident, must sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither, the guardian.

4. Children between 14 and 16 must either attend school or be regularly employed.

5. Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or from a household exposed to a contagion from a household as aforesaid. Two weeks after the death, removal or recovery of the patient in a case of the first three mentioned, or three days after in a case of measles, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or from the board of health.

6. "The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriot nature."

7. A United States flag not less than four feet in length

shall be displayed on the school house grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the school house on other school days.

8. A written excuse stating cause of absence, and signed by parent or guardian, must be presented by the pupil on his return to school.

9. Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under 14 years of age, who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys; and, if a girl, to the State Industrial school for girls."

Roll of Honor.

FOURTEEN TERMS.

Ethel Maxcy, North Grammar.

TEN TERMS.

Grace L. McCarthy, Mary I. McCarthy, South Grammar.

SIX TERMS.

John Kennedy, North Sub-grammar.

June Hodgkins, Massey primary.

THREE TERMS.

Cornelius Foley, North intermediate.

Henry Allen, John Lipsett, North primary.

Martin O. Rockwood, Everett V. Rockwood, Massey intermediate.

Edith Rockwood, Edna Trask, Ruel Thayer, Massey primary.

Vestella M. Burr, Ethel A. Pickering, South grammar.

Albert Muler, Francis Pickering, South primary.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

George Tingley, North grammar.

Mabelle Webber, Massey grammar.

Warren E. Whitney, Massey intermediate.

Pearl Hodgkins, Alice White, Massey primary.

Geneva A. Tupper, Florence Tupper, Maud Pickering, South grammar.

FALL TERM.

Henry Foley, Harry Camp, North grammar.

Mabel Laverick, William Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Daniel Dwyer, Martin Kennelley, Joseph O'Keefe, Mary Foley, Charles Duffy, North Sub-grammar.

Elmer Camp, Abbie Dwyer, Mary Dwyer, Bernard Fitzpatrick, John Smith, North intermediate.

Mary Dee, Mary Laverick, Maud Lippsett, Marion St.

Martin, Henry Allen, Edwin Deeley, John Lipsett, Francis Metcalf, North primary.

Caroline Trask, Massey grammar.

Lilla A. Spencer, Mary E. Brown, Olive Clark, Alice E. Spencer, Grace I. White, Massey intermediate.

Ada Rockwood, John Graves, Massey primary.

Alice Freeman, Mabelle L. Whipple, Fred C. Whipple, Flossie M. Whipple, Elijah B. Staples, Everett Estes, Edna L. Cook, Lucy I. Wales, Louis A. Rhodes, Charlotte Staples, South grammar.

Julia Bermier, Arthur Rhodes, Josie Bermier, Ray Staples, Gerald Bermier, Halsey Staples, Austin Cook, Henry Rattie, Marjorie Rhodes, South primary.

WINTER TERM.

Harry Camp, Michael Smith, Myrtle Grant, North grammar.

Louise Pickering, Avery Metcalf, Mary Foley, North Sub-grammar.

Elmer Camp, North intermediate.

Alice Desmond, Maud Lipsett, Carleton Grant, Francis Metcalf, North primary.

William Keith, John Peterson, George Thayer, Massey grammar.

Mary Hunter, Ada Rockwood, Alice White, Massey primary.

Alice Freeman, Geneva A. Tupper, Florence Tupper, Everett Estes, Fred C. Whipple, South grammar.

Gertrude Estes, Joseph Bannier, Ethel Tupper, Halsey Staples, Ray Staples, Hazel Burr.

SPRING TERM.

Fred Foley, Kathleen Rea, John Kane, North grammar.

Abel White, Bessie Eggleston, Daniel Dwyer, Mabel Laverick, Martin Kennelly, Otilia Laren, William Foley, North Sub-grammar, Mary Hamlin, Ray Fredericks, North intermediate.

John Allen, Edwin Deeley, Christopher Dunlavey, Francis Flannagan, Wentworth Ray, Albert Ober, Marion St. Martin, North primary.

Nettie Smith, Caroline Trask, Zella Whiting, Massey grammar.

Grace I. White, George O'Hara, Elsie Smith, Massey intermediate.

John Graves, Annie Munroe, Massey primary.

Eddie Frazer, Arthur Bermier, Julia Bermier, Gertrude Rhodes, Josie Bermier, Arthur Rhodes, Harold Freeman, Flossie Bermier, Mabel Care, Merton Lyman, John Turney, Gerald Bermier, Madeline Keely, Francis Keely, Marjorie Rhodes, Austin Cook, Wilfred Frazier, South primary.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Second day of March, A. D. 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers : Town Clerk for 1 year, Town Treasurer for one year, 3 Selectmen for 1 year, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years, 3 Assessors of Taxes for 1 year, Auditor for 1 year, Collector of Taxes for 1 year, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 4 Constables for 1 year, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year, 1 Tree Warden for 1 year ; also on the same ballot to answer the following question : "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" "Yes" or "No." Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several Town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes : 1st, support of schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, transportation of scholars, and salary of Superintendent of Schools ; 2nd, highways and bridges, railings and guide boards ; 3rd, support of the poor ; 4th, repair of Town buildings ; 5th, incidental items ; 6th, printing ; 7th, interest on Town debt ; 8th, to pay

Town debt; 9th, pay of Town officers; 10th, repairs in the cemeteries; 11th, Decoration Day; 12th, Public library; 13th, indigent soldiers' aid; 14th, care of tramps; 15th, use of tree warden; 16th, to finish town well and fountain; 17th, emergency fund; 18th, board of health.

ARTICLE 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector and establish the Collector's salary.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will allow any bills that may be presented.

ARTICLE 10. To see what action will be taken toward paying for the transcription of the Town Vital Records (births, marriages and deaths,) to the year 1850, reference being had to Chapter 470 of the Acts of the Legislature for 1902, and to the offer of the New England Historic Genealogical Society to print.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to sell the land and building thereon known as the Brick School House, at South Bellingham, to George W. Cook, or act or do anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1893.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,	}	Selectmen of Bellingham.
ORVILLE C. RHODES,		
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,		

ATTEST:

GILBERT H. DRAKE,

Constable of Bellingham.

